

[54] **BALLOT FOR USE IN AUTOMATIC  
TALLYING APPARATUS AND METHOD  
FOR PRODUCING BALLOT**[75] Inventor: **James O. Narey**, Westminster, Calif.[73] Assignee: **Business Records Corporation**, Santa Ana, Calif.[21] Appl. No.: **22,396**[22] Filed: **Mar. 6, 1987**[51] Int. Cl.<sup>4</sup> ..... **B42D 15/00**[52] U.S. Cl. .... **283/5**[58] Field of Search ..... **283/5, 48 R, 75, 106,  
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Dvorak, Genova & Traub[57] **ABSTRACT**

A ballot for use with a scanning device which reads the ballot and feeds it to a tallying or accumulating machine, the ballot being in the form of a base sheet possessing sufficient substance to facilitate the feeding of the ballot into the scanning device. The base sheet contains one or more columns of offices and the names of candidates who vie for the particular offices. Each margin of the ballot contains one or more index marks for correctly identifying the ballot orientation in the scanning device. One margin of the ballot also contains printed code marks by which the ballot style or configuration may be identified. Adjacent to each column of offices/candidates, are printed two columns of horizontally spaced timing marks, the timing marks being arranged on the lines bearing the candidate's names. A particular candidate is selected by introducing a mark between the horizontally spaced timing marks adjoining the particularly selected candidate. To visibly enhance markings between the two timing marks, the timing mark adjacent the candidate's name is in the form of an arrow head, and the other spaced timing mark is in the form of an arrow tail, so that a vote is cast when the arrow tail is connected by a line to the arrow head to thereby define a completed arrow.

The diagram shows a vertical ballot form with the following sections and markings:

- BALLOT** (top center)
- ABC** (top right)
- NON-PARTISAN JUDICIAL OFFICES** (left column)
- JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT 2ND DISTRICT (VOTE FOR ONE)** (left column)
- CANDIDATE A** (left column)
- CANDIDATE B** (left column)
- CANDIDATE C** (left column)
- CANDIDATE D** (left column)
- CANDIDATE E** (left column)
- (WRITE IN, IF ANY)** (left column)
- JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT 3RD DISTRICT (VOTE FOR ONE)** (left column)
- CANDIDATE F** (left column)
- CANDIDATE G** (left column)
- CANDIDATE H** (left column)
- CANDIDATE I** (left column)
- (WRITE IN, IF ANY)** (left column)
- JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT 4TH DISTRICT (VOTE FOR ONE)** (left column)
- CANDIDATE J** (left column)
- CANDIDATE K** (left column)
- CANDIDATE L** (left column)
- CANDIDATE M** (left column)
- (WRITE IN, IF ANY)** (left column)
- JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT 5TH DISTRICT (VOTE FOR ONE)** (left column)
- CANDIDATE N** (left column)
- CANDIDATE O** (left column)
- CANDIDATE P** (left column)
- CANDIDATE Q** (left column)
- (WRITE IN, IF ANY)** (left column)
- VOTE BOTH SIDES** (bottom center)

Markings on the right side include:

- 27** (top right)
- 24** (middle right)
- 25** (middle right)
- 22** (middle right)
- 12** (middle right)
- 14** (middle right)
- 18** (bottom right)